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Application of: **Gerrit BLEUMER**
SERIAL NO.: **09/728,741** EXAMINER: **Edward R. Cosimano**
FILED: **December 1, 2000** CONFIRMATION NO.: **2355**

TITLE: **"FRANKING METHOD AND APPARATUS"
AMENDMENT "A"**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.
☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | (4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5) PRESENT EXTRA | (6) RATE | (7) ADDITIONAL FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | *19 | MINUS | **21 | X 2 | () X 9.00 () X 18.00 | \$ |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | *3 | MINUS | 3 | X | () X 40.00 () X 80.00 | |
| Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for. | | | | () YES () NO | () \$135.00 () \$270.00 ONE TIME | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | \$0.00 | |

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 - ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.
 - ☐ A check for \$_____ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached
 - ☐ A check for \$_____ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
 - ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
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S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2005, Applicant herewith amends the application as follows.